

In re Appln. of WELCH et al.  
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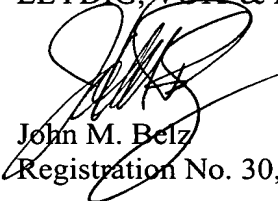
Claim 16. (Amended), line 1, change “, method of apparatus of any of the preceding claims” to --of claim 1--.

#### REMARKS

The amendments to claims 13-16 eliminate all multiple dependencies. Please enter this Amendment before calculating the filing fee.

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